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statement previously published by the *Washington Post* and *Times* that Justice Marshall was the author of celebratory sentence, "First in was first to die," and first in the hearts of his countrymen.

His sentence originated with member of the Virginia House of Delegates, a resolution announcing the "honored death of Washington, offered on the 26th of December, 1799, by Chief Justice Marshall, a member of the state of Virginia.

At the City of Washington, Chief Justice Marshall said that the resolution was prepared by General Henry Lee, who, not being in his seat had retained Justice Marshall to publish the same sentence.

This sentence is also found in the *Journal of the Proceedings of the Convention* by General Lee, who had been sent by the Virginia delegation for that purpose to the Convention for the declaration of "congratulation or fellowship."

General Henry Lee was the father of General E. Lee, who was somewhat distinguished in one or two of the actions referred to in the *Washington Post* and *Times* for efforts to suppress the slave rebellion against the last government of the

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